

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

ROUTINE

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2312Z 20 MAR 63

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ACTION: OSA (1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10)

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ACFT 123 MADE FLT NBR 55, 20 MAR 63 FOR ONE HOUR FIFTY MINUTES. PURPOSE: INS AND TYPE I TEST. GROUND OPERATION AND SWITCHOVER WAS SATISFACTORY. AN AFTERBURNER TAKEOFF AND CLIMB TO FL 200 WITH FURTHER MILITARY POWER CLIMB TO FL300 WAS MADE. ROUTE WAS FLOWN AT 301 KEAS TO AUSTIN AIRPORT AND ELY WITH A TURN AND ANOTHER RUN OVER MCGILL AND ELY. A CLIMB WAS THEN MADE TO FL 400 AND CRUISE ESTABLISHED AT 371 KEAS, M 1.37, FOR A RUN ON [] TARGETS, RETURN TO CURRANT AND A SECOND RUN ON [] TARGETS. TYPE I WITH NEW PLATFORM APPEARED TO WORK PROPERLY DURING BOTH RUNS ON ELY AND [] TARGETS, AND ALL RUNS WERE ON DESIRED TRACK. INS STEERING NEEDLE WAS UNUSABLE DURING FLIGHT, GROUND SPEED AND DISTANCE TO GO OPERATION WAS SATISFACTORY AND BOTH CHECKED SATISFACTORILY ON GROUND AFTER FLIGHT. NEW ADF SENSING ANTENNA WAS INSTALLED AND COMPARED TO WHIP ANTENNA FURNISHED DECREASED SENSITIVITY, AND 40 NM LESS RANGE ACCOMPANIED BY RANDOM NEEDLE WANDER. NORMAL LANDING WITH A GOOD DRAG CHUTE.

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